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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, CAMS Steering Group

SUBJECT : Request for Steering Group Briefings

1. Now that we are in Phase II of the CAMS development cycle, a number of substantial decisions are either impending or have recently taken place. That is, now that the data management program has been selected and the interface teams are interacting, it is likely that the basic frame work of the baseline CAMS is taking shape. Although a number of documents and status reports have been produced, I do not have a clear understanding of the following:

a. The selected data management system capabilities vice the CAMS baseline systems capabilities;

b. The desired CAMS capabilities vice baseline capabilities envisioned for IOC; and

c. The planned development of CAMS beyond the current IOC version.

2. I think that it would be valuable to insure that a fairly firm concept of the general system parameters is shared by all Steering Group participants. To further this end, I request that four general briefings be prepared for Steering Group meetings in the near future:

a. A conceptual walk-through of the baseline IOC version as presently envisioned by the program manager;

b. A description and rationale for the selection of the GIM II data base management system;

c. A description of the realistic interfaces that are likely to be functioning at IOC; and

d. Planned development of CAMS beyond IOC to indicate a manpower and funding outlook through 1977.

3. I would hope that such presentations would be oriented toward concepts and informal enough to permit healthy interchange. I would like to suggest that it may

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25X1 also be desirable to invite a NPIC representative, perhaps [] to hear these presentations because of his vested interest in the interface between NPIC and CAMS. Because of my own limitations regarding software system development, I would like to invite [] of our Staff to sit-in as well. Please advise me of your reaction especially if you have problems with any or all of these suggestions.

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Thank you again for allowing [redacted] and myself to visit with you recently to discuss your Management Communications Center. I think you are well in front of others in this field and I am sure the government can benefit from your efforts.

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Roxanne asked that I send along to you any suggestions that I might have which would make your communications center more effective. Actually, I have very few suggestions since it appears that your center has been successfully designed to answer the requirements of your company. Economics appear to be the main force controlling the further development of the center.

I do suggest, however, that you consider the addition of a second video display unit at each participant's console station so that changes, comments and additions can be made to the second display unit without altering the data being displayed on all participants' primary screens.

You might also want to consider the addition of some form of line printing capability to supplement the dry copy function currently attached to the system. In fact, you may already have this. A third suggestion concerns the ability to store and manipulate computerized data files in a local environment. By this, I mean the storage and manipulation of data files, previously dumped from your 145, during a planning session by a computerize capability independent of your main processor. In this way, data could

be manipulated in an interactive mode by statistical, scanning, forecasting and graphic software during a meeting without interference to or from your main processor. This type of capability would allow participants to alter the data to determine how forecasts, etc., would be affected by changes in sales, personnel, claims, or operating costs.

A final suggestion would be to have the ability to tie in your major branch offices so that the field can participate in meetings.

Obviously, your center provides an effective information handling tool for improving the flow of ideas and data among knowledgeable participants. Since information is the most valuable resource an organization possesses, you should be proud of having developed a method to capitalize on the information and knowledge within your company.

Again, let me say thank you for having us out to your company. It was a very worthwhile trip for all of us.

Very truly yours,



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